



Nailing sheetrock to the church ceiling are Sydney Little, group followed groups from Alabama and Texas to help build Allan Carter, Harrell Coulter, and Jerry Wilson. The Prentiss the Sharon church building.

## Prentiss church continues to sponsor summer mission trips

**By Marty Kittrell**  
For the past several years Prentiss Baptist Church has sponsored a summer mission trip. They've gone from coast to coast and this year the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board sent them to do construction at Sharon Baptist Church, in Moore, Okla.

Of the 16 people who went in late July and early August, eight did construction work, five conducted Backyard Bible Clubs, and three served as cooks.

Let's talk about dedication. The neighborhood youths, composed of about eight boys ranging from 11 years old to 17 were at the church before we were each morning and continued working after we left. They worked

(Continued on page 4)



At left is Prentiss pastor and chief sheetrock cutter David Michel, working with Harold Wilson.

# Baptists map plans to combat gambling surge

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist leaders from 11 states have initiated plans they hope will help stave off massive efforts to legalize pari-mutuel betting, state lotteries, and casino gambling in southern and southwestern states next year.

Participants in a Christian Life Commission consultation on the ethical and economic dimensions of legalized gambling agreed 1984 will be a year of enormous pressure from the gambling industry to greatly expand their empire which extends in some form to 46 states. As of September 1981, only Hawaii, Mississippi, Missouri, and Utah did not have some form of legalized gambling.

"It is time for Southern Baptists to realize the gambling menace is extremely serious. The house is on fire," Foy Valentine, executive director of the Commission, told participants. "Southern Baptists have a very great stake in what we do about gambling as a moral issue because it affects our stewardship, our mission programs, our social environment, the family life of our members, and the ongoing life and work of our 36,000 churches," he said.

Robert Bezilla, vice-president of the Gallup Organization, told the Baptist ethicists and sociologists public acceptance of legalized gambling has apparently increased in the past

few years.

"Historically," he said, "over one-half of the population has approved of some form of legalized gambling." In a recent national Gallup Poll 82 percent of respondents said they would approve of some form of legalized gambling if it helped their state to raise revenues.

According to the poll, however, people in the South showed the greatest resistance to legalized gambling; but only 34 percent of respondents in the South said they did not think any form of gambling should be permitted in their state. Only 23 percent of respondents in the East and West opposed all forms of gambling.

George Sternlieb, author of a new book on gambling in Atlantic City, N.J., and director of the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University, told participants a grizzly story of crime, corruption, and social inequities caused by casino gambling in Atlantic City.

"Casino gambling in Atlantic City has grown to a \$1.5 billion a year industry in four to five years and now holds the citizens, law enforcement officials, and politicians hostage," Sternlieb said.

Gambling casinos, he said, have become

"cash cows" for trade unions, construction companies, banks, law firms, and even local and state governments.

In spite of what Sternlieb called a strong and obvious influence of organized crime and an enormous acceleration of thefts, murders, prostitution, and social injustices to the poor and elderly, "no one wants to slash the throat of the golden calf," he said.

"Gamblers in Atlantic City are not the elite but the blue-collar workers, the elderly, minority groups, and white-collar proletarians. The average gambler is a New York City cab driver who has just had a couple of long fares to the airport," Sternlieb said.

The urban researcher said Atlantic City is the second largest bus terminal in the United States and many of the 30,000 bus loads of people a year are made up of "an astonishing number of church groups, the elderly, the lame, and the blind."

Sternlieb said in spite of claims to the contrary, 40 percent of the gamblers are from the state of New Jersey. "New Jerseys are losing \$600 million a year to the casinos in trade for state revenues of only \$120 million," he said.

Doug Cole, director of the North Carolina Baptist Christian Life Council, said his state is dealing with the threat of all forms of gambling including bingo, raffle, lottery, parimutuel, and casino. "While we were fighting the drunk-driving issue in North Carolina, the gambling interests slipped in the back door," he said.

Participants in the consultation agreed on a strategy to utilize the belief there is strength in numbers. The group formulated plans for a more effective sharing of information and asked the Christian Life Commission to expand its efforts as an information center for ethics specialists, churches, pastors, and other interested Southern Baptists committed to resisting the gambling industry.

The participants also asked the commission to gear up for the gambling onslaught with wider distribution of resource materials which will educate and motivate Southern Baptists to deal with the problems of gambling. The group also called on pastors to address the gambling issue more extensively in sermons and to encourage all Southern Baptists to increase their efforts in the area of Christian citizenship, particularly voter registration, and voter turnout to deal with gambling-related issues.

Participants also expressed an urgent need for careful research designed to aid state Baptist conventions in opposing gambling legislation introduced in their states. Weston Ware, director of citizenship education for the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, which has battled gambling for more than 30 years and which helped defeat gambling legislation by only a two-vote margin in 1983, told participants "business as usual won't cut it in trying to beat the gambling industry. We need lots of help in order to win the war."

Larry Braidfoot, who coordinated the consultation and directs the Christian Life Commission's programs related to gambling education and action, told participants, "If we don't find ways of helping each other in this fight, our states will be picked off one at a time by the gambling industry just as they were by the alcohol industry."

"Our nation, our states, and our communities may be dramatically altered in 1984 if we as concerned citizens do not develop more unity and a greater sense of urgency in our fight against this increasingly sophisticated threat to moral decency and sound public policy," he said.

(Fields writes for the Christian Life Commission.)

## San Antonio group applies for TV station for ACTS

**By Greg Warner**  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP) — A group of San Antonio, Tex., area residents has asked permission to build a new television station to carry the programming of the American Christian Television System (ACTS).

San Antonio Educational Television Inc., a group including several Southern Baptist leaders from the area, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Sept. 7 for a TV station on channel 23.

Under the proposal, channel 23 would operate as a full-power educational station, broadcasting programs from San Antonio educational institutions as well as from the ACTS network.

Channel 23 is the last unused TV channel assigned to the San Antonio market and is reserved for non-commercial or educational use. At least one other group, Commonwealth Foundation for Public Broadcasting, Feeding Hills, Mass., has filed an application for the station.

Should channel 23 be licensed to the San Antonio group, money to build and maintain the station would come from private donations and income from the station's operation.

The San Antonio television market is the 45th largest in the country. More than half a million homes in the 30-county area use television.

Similar applications for full-power educational stations have been filed by groups in Fort Worth, Houston, and Santa Rosa, Calif. In addition, a full-power station has already been approved in Greenville, N.C. All four will carry ACTS programs.

The American Christian Television

## Cauthen says China missions will reopen

**By Norman Jameson**  
FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Missionaries "sooner or later" will be allowed back into China, says Baker James Cauthen, who helped shape one of the largest mission enterprises in history.

For 26 years Cauthen headed the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Before that, he was a missionary to China and area secretary for China and Southeast Asia for eight years.

In his third year of retirement, Cauthen, who will be 74 in December, is teaching Asian missions to students and potential missionaries at Southwestern Seminary here.

Baptists long have dedicated massive resources to China. Of the 539 missionaries the Foreign Mission Board supported in 15 nations or areas in 1924, 287 were in China. By contrast, Brazil, with 310, is the country with the largest single number of Southern

Baptist missionaries — but the total forces is 3,343 in 101 countries.

Baptist mission work in China stopped in November 1951 when missionaries were evicted. Yet so strong a magnet is that vast nation that as late as 1964 Foreign Mission Board reports still listed China as one of the nations in which it had active work.

Cauthen, probably the second best known Baptist to have been a missionary to China (after Lottie Moon for whom Southern Baptists' annual foreign missions offering is named) said China still holds a strange and strong allure to Baptists because Baptists have a better sense of China's "dominant and meaningful" history.

Historically among the world's most advanced civilizations, China's Manchu Dynasty was in decay about the time Westerners came to know China.

"In Westerners' first contact with (Continued on page 3)

## Mail order poverty vow just might come true

WASHINGTON (EP)—Eighty-one persons who became "mail-order ministers" to avoid income taxes have agreed to pay \$1.5 million in back taxes, interest and penalties, the Internal Revenue Service said.

The IRS said Sept. 2 that the 81—all in the New England area and all members of the Life Science Church—were among 91 church members who were under investigation as "illegal tax protesters." The remaining 10 cases are pending.

The church, founded by its self-styled archbishop, William Drexler, a former Minnesota lawyer, sold mail-order ministries to individuals, claiming that they could avoid federal income taxes by forming a church, taking a vow of poverty and donating all their assets to the church, the IRS said. It said that under the plan the church, which has its headquarters in San Diego, was to pay the personal expenses of the "ministers."

Drexler was convicted in California in 1982 on 26 criminal tax violations, including conspiracy to help others evade tax. He was sentenced to five years in prison and five years probation and fined \$50,000. According to testimony at his trial, he sold the church credentials for \$560 to \$4,000.

## SBC missionaries enter 101st country: Fiji

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries are entering Fiji, their sixth new field this year and their 101st country.

Fiji, a collection of 322 islands in the South Pacific Ocean, gained its independence from Britain 13 years ago. With a population of about 658,000, it is the geographic hub of the Pacific Basin, which includes hundreds of islands located between Hawaii, Australia, and Asia.

Missionaries Hugh and Kathryn Smith, who have been traveling throughout Fiji studying its culture, were transferred there effective Sept. 13. They expect to live in Nadi, a city of about 12,000.

Nadi is less touched by the gospel

than other Fijian cities, yet is reasonably close to areas of established Baptist work. Fiji's international airport is located there and developers are pumping money into business and residential growth in the city.

The Smiths, who served 15 years in Malaysia and four in Zambia, will be church planters. She will be treasurer in the newly established South Pacific Baptist Mission.

Earlier this year, Southern Baptists entered the Netherlands Antilles, St. Lucia, Swaziland, Angola, and Mali. The Foreign Mission Board removed Jamaica from its list of mission countries because no missionaries are assigned there and none are planned in the near future. (Map on p. 3).

## Churches seek withdrawal of housing rule

**By Ray Furr**  
DALLAS (BP) — An Internal Revenue Service ruling which revokes a sizable tax benefit for ministers buying their own houses should be withdrawn because it discriminates against ministers, says one denominational executive.

In a letter to IRS Commissioner Roscoe L. Egger, Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan requested a withdrawal of revenue ruling 83-3 which disallows ministers a federal income tax deduction on the interest of their home mortgage and real estate taxes for which they receive a tax exempt housing allowance.

Morgan said he first thought the ruling was "sound in law and analysis" but that he has since learned that the IRS is applying the law in a discriminatory manner.

"The IRS has unfairly singled out ministers with housing allowances for unfavorable tax treatment without applying its new interpretation to military personnel who have tax exempt quarters allowances," said Morgan.

Acting on behalf of the church alliance, an organization of 27 religious denominations, Morgan said, "Our concern is that the IRS has not applied the law equitably and equally. We don't want ministers to be singled out for a discriminatory application of the law."

Morgan noted IRS officials were advised by their lawyers not to distinguish between ministers and members of the armed services in applying the ruling.

(Continued on page 3)

005-DLM  
BENNETT HAROLD  
EXEC COMMITTEE  
460 J ROBERTSON PK  
NASHVILLE  
61221 TN 37219

Published Since 1877

The

# Baptist Record

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1983

Volume CVII, Number 33

# Editorials

## Gambling is for the casino owner

by don mcgregor

A recent consultation on gambling sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has revealed that Mississippi is one of only four states that do not have some form of legalized gambling. None of the others is in the Bible Belt. They are Hawaii, Missouri, and Utah.

There are forces at work that are determined to cut that number to zero. We know for sure that there is a continuing effort to reduce the number to three, with Mississippi being the one dropping out.

Each year for the past few years at least, there have been efforts in the Mississippi Legislature to legalize some form of gambling. For the past

couple of years the interest has been on horse race gambling. There are interests which would like to see pari-mutuel gambling in any form become legal in our state.

Gambling is one thing we don't need. A story in this issue of the Baptist Record deals with that Christian Life Commission consultation, and points out the serious consequences of gambling.

Casino gambling has been legalized for Atlantic City, N.J. The word is that the citizens of New Jersey lose \$600 million a year in the casinos, and the casinos pay the state \$120,000 in taxes. That is really not a good trade. The

citizens could pay the \$120 million in taxes and skip the gambling and be \$480 million ahead. The state wouldn't be any worse off. The only people who would suffer are the casino owners. They are pocketing the \$480 million at this point in time.

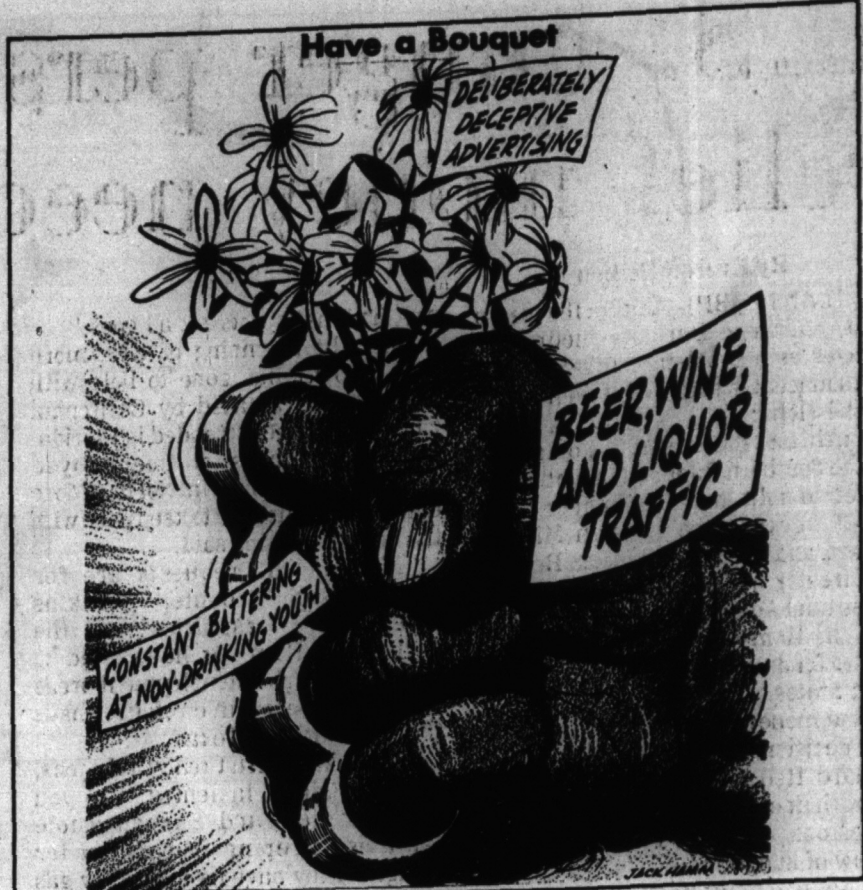
So the people are losing a lot, the state is not gaining much relatively speaking, and the casino owners are getting fat as a result. The \$480 million has come from the pay checks of the people.

Not only have those people lost that money for good, but the effects of that loss begin to broaden out as ripples on a pond. That money would have bought groceries, clothes, cars, shoes, bicy-

cles, school books, and on and on in an endless list. They and their families don't have those things as they could have them. Also the merchants that sell those items still have them sitting on their shelves or in their showrooms. They don't have the money that the sale of those items would have afforded them. And the ripples keep on going.

The story points out that casino gambling in Atlantic City holds the city hostage and has allowed an acceleration of thefts, murders, prostitution, and social injustices.

We already have all of that in Mississippi. That is true. We surely don't need an accelerated experience of it.



## Church pages and the Baptist Record

News is the stock in trade of the Baptist Record, and its purpose is to seek to help the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in their mission of witnessing to the world. We try to publish news that would be used to further this purpose.

News of churches is of particular interest to us, and we give primary consideration to the news items that we receive from the local churches.

For the past several years the Baptist Record has been providing another news operation for the local churches in Mississippi. This is use of the back page of the Baptist Record for the newsletter or mailout of the local church.

For the cost of only \$42 the local church is able to publish its newsletter on the top half of the back page of the Baptist Record. This price includes

the cost of printing, and the postage is already paid with the subscription.

The Baptist Record with the newsletter on the back is then mailed to every family in the church. The subscription price, which has been \$5.52 per family per year since Sept. 1, 1982, will remain the same through 1984. The \$5.52 per year per family divides out to be 47 cents per month per family, and the subscription costs are billed monthly to make it easier for the churches to make the payments. On a weekly basis, the cost is 11 cents per issue.

We like this idea at the Baptist Record, for it puts the local church news in the same publication with the news of Baptists all over Mississippi, across the nation, and throughout the world. Also, and of great importance to us, is the feeling that the member of the local church is more likely to pick up

the Baptist Record and read through it if his local church news is on the back.

We call these church pages "camera ready" pages. That means to us that the pages arrive at the printer ready for "shooting" and printing. The pages are made up at the church. The church typist does the typesetting on an electric typewriter with a carbon ribbon. This provides a black type that prints well. Then the church staff makes up the page and gets it ready for printing. The printing company, headed by Baptist deacon Ben Cain, provides training so that the make up process will be a simple one for the churches to follow.

This process of a church being able to provide an inexpensive newsletter on the back of the state paper developed while I was associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas. In fact,

to make it a matter of record, it was my brainchild; and I developed it. So I have more than a passing interest in seeing it used to as wide an extent as possible in Mississippi. It is in use almost nationwide now, and we have about 17 or 18 churches in Mississippi providing their mailout in this fashion.

Attention is called to the advertisement on this subject on Page 5 of this issue. This points out that the only action necessary to get started is to call Evelyn Keyes or Don McGregor at the Baptist Record, 968-3800.

We will be looking forward to hearing from churches all over the state as they would see this as an attractive option for their newsletter. Generally it has been determined that the postage cost to the churches for doing their own mailing is more than the total cost on the church pages.

Let us hear from you.

## Baptist college costs little above public

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Students at Southern Baptist colleges and universities this fall will find the annual cost of tuition and fees ranging from \$1,900 to \$6,120.

While those figures appear to be high, they are much closer to the costs found at public institutions than one would expect, said Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission.

"Hidden factors play an important role in equalizing costs between public institutions and Baptist colleges. Most private schools do not charge out-of-state tuition as their public counterparts do. Financial aid also often is more easily accessible to students at Baptist colleges," Walker said.

According to figures released by the College Scholarship Service and published recently in The Chronicle of Higher Education, the \$1,900 charged for tuition and fees (excluding room and board) by Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Ga., is the lowest of any Southern Baptist college.

The University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., has the highest rate, with an annual cost of \$6,120.

In comparison of states with more than two Baptist colleges, Virginia has the highest average cost. Students attending Averett College, Bluefield College, University of Richmond, and Virginia Intermont College will pay an average \$3,871.50 in tuition and fees with a low of \$2,276 at Bluefield.

South Carolina's four Baptist colleges (Anderson College, Baptist College at Charleston, Furman University, and North Greenville College) have an average cost of \$3,617 ranging from \$2,690 at NGC to \$4,828 at Furman.

In North Carolina the average cost of their seven colleges (Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, Wake Forest University, and Wingate College) is \$3,573 with a low of \$2,615 at Chowan and a high of \$5,050 at Wake Forest.

Mississippi's three Baptist institutions (Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College and William Carey College) have the lowest average cost at \$2,402 ranging from \$2,190 at BMC to \$2,736 at Mississippi College.

Texas, with eight Baptist colleges (Baylor University, Dallas Baptist College, East Texas Baptist College, Hardin-Simmons University, Houston Baptist University, Howard Payne University, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, and Wayland Baptist University) has the next lowest average at \$2,763. The costs range from \$2,245 at Wayland to \$3,348 at Houston Baptist.

Baylor, the largest Southern Baptist college in the nation, has an annual cost of \$3,095 for tuition and fees.

Other states with at least three colleges and their average costs include Alabama (Judson College, Mobile College, and Samford University), \$2,848; Georgia (Brewton-Parker College, Mercer University, Shorter College, Tift College, and Truett-McConnell College), \$2,861; Kentucky (Campbellsville College, Cumberland College, and Georgetown College), \$2,963; Missouri (Hannibal-LaGrange College, Missouri Baptist College, Southwest Baptist University, and William Jewell College), \$3,163 and Tennessee (Belmont College, Carson-Newman College, and Union University), \$2,819.

## It's not Madalyn again

It seems to be time for efforts to stop Madalyn Murray O'Hair to surface again. A few calls have come into the Baptist Record office, and it could be that more came in than were reported. The calls indicate that petitions are circulating again.

The story is still the same. The effort seeks letters to go to the Federal

Communications Commission to protest the effort by Mrs. O'Hair to get all religious radio stations thrown off the air. The statements being circulated even give a petition number that Mrs. O'Hair has used.

There was such a petition number as is being noted. It was No. 2493. Mrs.

O'Hair didn't submit it, however. Two men from California, in 1975, did submit petition No. 2493 to the Federal Communications Commission asking that body not to license any new religious radio stations. The petition did not seek to get those already on the air thrown off. The petition was denied. Millions of letters have flooded the

Federal Communications Commission protesting Mrs. O'Hair's action. She didn't do it, and what was attempted was not what is noted in the efforts to stop her from doing what she didn't do. Only the petition number is factual, and that particular petition was denied several years ago.

## Guest opinion

### The influence of organized crime

By Larry Braidfoot

State legislators and other politicians who argue that legalized gambling can be easily regulated to avoid any connection with organized crime and corruption are ignoring the facts. The murder of a man convicted for offering a bribe, several indictments directly related to gambling activities, and the severance of any connection with baseball for a former superstar are just a few signs that gambling is not as clean as some proponents of legalized gambling would have citizens believe.

Allen M. Dorfman was convicted of attempted bribery of U.S. Senator Howard Cannon while the senator was still in office. The FBI viewed Dorfman as a possible key to cracking the indirect and hidden influence of organized crime on the ownership in and skimming of profits from Nevada casinos. Although Dorfman gave no indication of cooperating with law enforcement officials, he was murdered on the streets of Chicago in January, 1983.

Several major criminal indictments have been returned in recent months for illegal activity associated with both legal and illegal gambling.

The chairman of the State Lottery Commission of New Jersey was recently indicted on 13 counts of fabricating evidence and forgery, growing out of an investigation of his relationship with gambling corporations. A reputed Florida underworld boss and others, including a former sheriff, have been indicted on racketeering charges growing out of efforts to set up extensive illegal gambling operations

in Florida. Mickey Mantle, the New York Yankee baseball superstar of an earlier era, was required to sever his connection with the sport after he accepted a job with an Atlantic City casino. Professional sports have long been concerned about any connection with the gambling industry because of possible questions about compromised integrity.

Clarkson Beard, special projects administrator for the Kentucky Racing Commission, recently warned a Tennessee legislative committee that the state was "going to be tried" by organized crime if it legalized racing. He expressed concern that the legislators had not taken seriously the connection of organized crime to legalized gambling.

Organized crime was considered in 1980 to be perhaps the second largest

industry in the United States, with income ranking only behind the oil industry. The estimated \$150 billion income reaped by organized crime surpassed incomes earned by industries such as chemical, automobile, utilities, telecommunications, and steel.

The frequent argument is that money currently being spent in illegal gambling activities will be spent in legal gambling if the state legalized certain forms of gambling. The study prepared for the Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling in 1976 contradicts this. That study found that illegal gambling activity actually increased in states that had various forms of legalized gambling.

The relationship between gambling and organized crime cannot be ig-

nored. Illegal gambling does not just engage only a few, discreet individuals. In 1974, 11 percent of the U.S. population, or 15.7 million, participated in some form of illegal gambling. Much of this money, most of it in the form of small bets of one to two dollars, made its way into the hands of organized crime, which in 1980 was estimated to have grossed \$26 billion from its gambling network.

In the face of these kinds of facts, Christian citizens should be among the leaders in calling into question the naive contention that legalized gambling will be a safe and economically profitable activity for the states to sanction.

Larry Braidfoot is general counsel and director of research for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

## Faces And Places by anne washburn mcwilliams

### "The richest woman in the world"

Her late husband's first wife (who died quite young) was the daughter of the fourth editor of the Baptist Record, T. J. Bailey 1899-1912).

She likes chocolate milk shakes. She arises before daylight — usually by 4:45 a.m.

Her first job, as a teenager, was wrapping tomatoes in pink tissue papers, at a packing plant in Terry, in crates made by her brother, Lamar.

Next year, on June 30, she'll be 80 — and she's still working.

Guess who? Here are some more clues. She likes sports—played basketball in school, takes an interest in golf, never fails to watch Monday Night Baseball. She was a member of the Pulpit Committee at Trinity Baptist Church, Biloxi, way back when that congregation called Clarence Cutrell as pastor. Her six flowerbeds show her special love for roses, but she sets out any plant anybody gives her, and it lives. Her artistic appreciation for the symmetrical will send her in search of a ladder, if she sees a tree growing unbalanced, so she can saw off a limb to make it look better.

Rouchelle Meaders has from 1964 until now (except for 18 months when

her husband was ill) worked in the Baptist Building part time for various departments—for the Baptist Record, at the switchboard, and, for quite a few years, keeping the pastors' list up-to-date.

"I'm the richest woman in the world," she said. "I have the Lord, and I'm rich in friends. If I had plenty of money, I would donate my work time. I enjoy working here that much, and being with Christian friends here."

She was born to the Tatons in Crystal Springs, grew up in Terry, and was graduated from Clarksdale High and Rodie Business School. "My father helped to build dams, and we moved a lot," she recalls. Her brother, Hudson, lives in Houston, Tex. (Lamar died in 1980).

"I can remember sitting in the surrey in Terry, waiting to catch the train to Jackson," she said. In her first car, a Model-T Ford, she drove her invalid mother to Hot Springs, Ark., for one of the mineral baths. Her mother told her, "You can do as much with this car as a monkey can with a coconut!" That prized car got repossessed because she still owed \$26. "But that was okay," she said, with serenity. "God does everything for a purpose, and I'm sure that worked out for my good."

After her mother's death, her father continued to share her home, six miles

from Terry. That house burned in 1941, and her father died in 1942.

From 1934 until 1943 she was deputy chancery clerk for Hinds County. Later, she got a job as mail clerk in the Heidelberg Hotel, where she met Thomas G. Meaders, a CPA who was auditing the hotel's books. He began dropping by the switchboard when she would be the substitute there, with chocolate milkshakes for her, from the drugstore. They got married Sept. 5, 1943, and lived in Biloxi for 20 years before moving back to Jackson in 1962, to 2936 Charleston Drive.

Her nephew, Pat Tatton, works with South Central Bell in Birmingham; her niece, Sally Rouchelle Maddux, named for her aunt, lives in Texas.

As a member of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Rouchelle has a Sunday School ministry at Ingleside Nursing Home. "My pastor, Dr. Charles Myers, has meant a lot to me," she said. (He retired this month.) And Rouchelle has meant a lot to us here at the Baptist Building, offering her loyal friendship, bringing us roses and cake, and with blue eyes twinkling, coming up with those funny little quips she's so good at thinking up.

A widow since 1967, she says she has never lived alone, though, because "God promised never to leave me alone, and he hasn't."

## Rio de la Plata lists partnership projects

Baptists in the three nations of the Rio de la Plata have submitted several requests for assistance in projects that they have established. The three countries of the Rio de la Plata are Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina, the three countries with which Baptists of Mississippi have formed a partnership alliance.

The requests for assistance are as follows:

**Paraguay**  
Office worker; Asuncion; long term; couple preferred; knowledge of Spanish helpful; rent and utilities provided by the mission; transportation by bus; duties to help the mission treasurer and secretary with typing and assist the business manager with his work, particularly in coordinating and updating the mission office files; spouse to supervise maintenance work at Baptist hospital; need anytime.

**Evangelist and house visitors;** San Ignacio, rural area in southern zone; two to four persons; short term; knowledge of Spanish helpful; housing in hotel; need \$100 per week; transportation supplied; hold a revival in San Ignacio; anytime.

## Emergency trip fails to save missionary

NEW YORK (BP) — Betty Chance Egedy, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died Sept. 7 at Cornell University Medical Center here after an emergency trip to the United States for treatment of an undiagnosed illness. She was 58.

She was flown to the United States Sept. 4 after doctors at Baptist Medical Centre, Ogbomoso, were unable to determine why she had suffered weakness, appetite and weight loss, and a drop in her blood protein level in recent weeks. An autopsy was being performed.

She was to travel to New Orleans, in her home state of Louisiana, but when the plane landed in New York she was rushed to Cornell University Medical Center, where she underwent an emergency leg amputation in an effort to save her life.

## Uruguay

Youth education; Montevideo; one week; up to four persons; working with pre-school children and youth; housing and meals provided; transportation provided as related to the work; plan and carry out activities for missionary children during morning and afternoon sessions of the annual mission meeting July 2 to 7, 1984; three pre-schoolers; four elementary children; six middle high schoolers; and six high school students.

**Carpenter;** Montevideo; two weeks; couple; stay with missionary family (Paul Roatens); need \$40 to \$50 per week for spending money; all else furnished; building shelves in mobile bookstore (truck), build shelves in audio visual room, build small platform in meeting room at Baptist center; build simple pulpit for meeting room; build wooden cornice above windows for curtains in meeting room; build table tops with dismountable legs; after missionaries return to field in June of 1984.

## Argentina

**Construction;** Reconquista in Santa Fe Province; two weeks; four persons; help repair church building; masonry work and painting; congregation of 20 members; knowledge of Spanish helpful; rooms available at \$50 per week per person; meals \$50 per week per person; need people with bricklaying experience; anytime.

**Evangelism;** short term; six persons; preaching, teaching, chalk talks; need to bring chalk talk equipment; housing, meals, and transportation provided by the association; San Juan Association has 1,000 Baptists in 10 congregations; population 500,000; two women, four men; give orientation about the work of Baptist men and women, the deacon, and back yard Bible studies.

**Microfilmer;** short term; Buenos Aires; seven or persons from Historical Commission of Mississippi Baptists; microfilm historical materials and train personnel in use of microfilm and reader; must bring equipment to do microfilming; seminary has reader; hope that equipment can be left; housing and meals at seminary; anytime.

**The Baptist Record**  
(ISSN-0005-5778)  
515 Mississippi Street  
Box 536  
Jackson, Miss. 39205

**Editor**  
Don McGregor

**Associate Editor**  
Tim Nicholas

**Editorial Associate**  
Anne McWilliams

**Official Journal of**  
The Mississippi Baptist Convention

**James Yates**  
President

**Earl Kelly**  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

**The Baptist Building**  
Box 536, Jackson, Miss. 39205

**Baptist Record Advisory Committee:** Marcus Fitch, Meridian, chairman; Odie Henderson, Cleveland; Tom Hudson, Jackson, vice-chairman; James Jackson, Columbia; Robert H. Jackson, Bogalusa; Dan Thompson, Ackerman; Ex officio, Evelyn Keyes, secretary.

**Subscriptions:** \$7.35 a year payable in advance. Published weekly except week of July 4 and Christmas.

**Second Class Postage paid at Jackson, Miss.**

The Baptist Record is a member of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

# U.S. hunger persists, relief money needed

By Everett Hullum

ATLANTA (BP)—Until a few years ago, Southern Baptists thought of hunger as a problem confined to unpronounceable places on the other side of the globe.

But in 1982 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention decided to split incoming hunger funds 80/20 between the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

Director of Christian Social Ministries Paul Adkins has the job of allocating the Home Mission Board's designated funds for hunger relief in the United States.

The money goes quickly, and making decisions about who will receive it is hard. Requests for funds come daily from home missionaries, directors of missions, pastors, and others who know of hunger needs.

"Let one point be clear," said Adkins. "The money is sent to the field as rapidly as possible. Not one cent leaves the fund either for interest or administrative costs—here or in the field. The money is given for the hun-

gry, and that's where it all goes."

Since the beginning of 1983, more than \$129,000 has gone to help with migrants devastated by California rains, to refugees stranded in Florida, and to hundreds of unemployed families in the industrial North. "More donations are needed to keep pace with the needs," Adkins said.

"Most of the requests are for families in trouble," Adkins explained, "casualties of the economy." Families have tried to move from high unemployment areas to find jobs—economic refugees have fled Cleveland for Texas.

"But Texas doesn't really have jobs, either," Adkins lamented; "so you find families—and I mean whole families—sleeping in cars, under bridges. They have no money for gas or food and they do what you and I would do—they go to a church and ask for help. Thank God they do."

Unfortunately, the plight of economic refugees shows few signs of recovery.

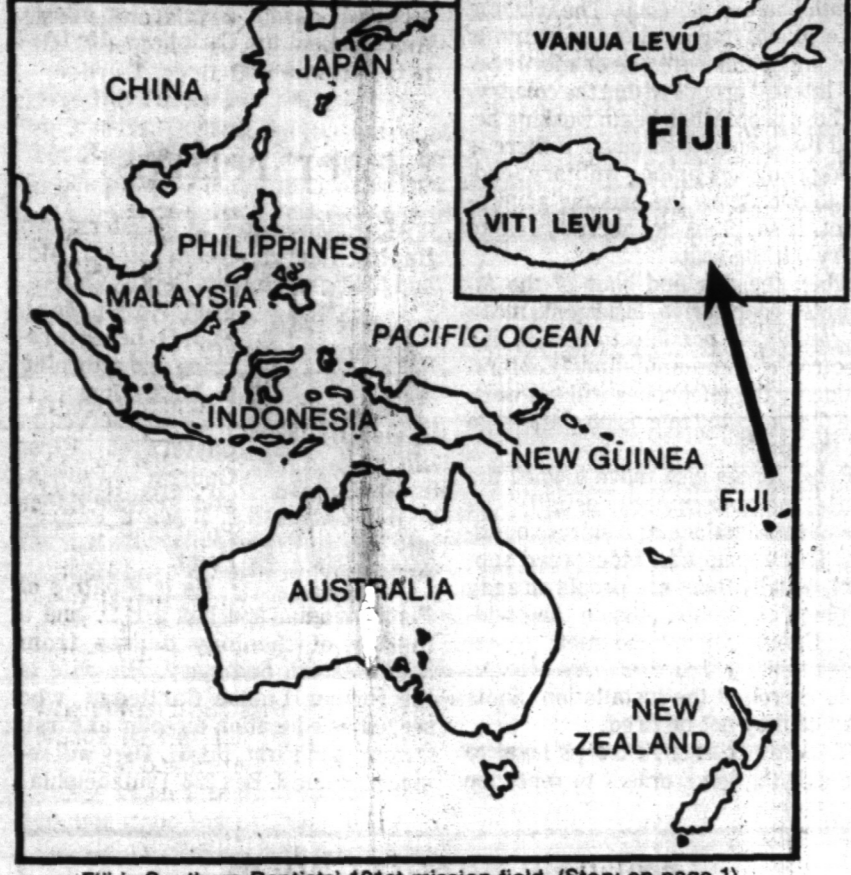
"In many major cities our welfare agencies are running out of money, too," Adkins explained. "Public agencies are referring people to churches and Baptist Centers. In some cases, we are a last hope."

Adkins has no illusions of ending hunger in the United States with his hunger fund allocations. "All we can do right now is respond to requests for urgent help. We can at least do that much."

But Southern Baptist and individual churches can do more. "I dream that each state convention would have a staff person assigned to coordinate hunger relief," Adkins said.

"Each association needs a contact person," he continued. "And every Baptist church in the nation needs a person responsible for coordinating hunger response. The program of hunger is not going away."

Everett Hullum is editor of Missions USA magazine.



Fiji is Southern Baptists' 101st mission field. (Story on page 1).

## Hunger committee's garden blooms despite summer heat

By Robert J. Hastings

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (BP)—In spite of this summer's drought and heat wave, at least one Illinois vegetable garden has produced bountifully.

"We raised so much food for the poor we didn't have enough to help to distribute it," said Bette McKown, chairman of the hunger committee of Temple Baptist Church in Champaign, Ill. "So we've been taking it to the Open Tomb, an interfaith ministry that aids people with furniture, clothing, and home repairs as well as food."

The University of Illinois made a plot available for the committee's use.

Temple's hunger committee started two years ago and is an ongoing ministry, not just a summer project. "We keep a food basket in the foyer where members may donate each Sunday," said McKown, "and we have a cash account to buy perishables."

A unique feature of Temple's ministry is that all foodstuffs are delivered personally, by members of the com-

mittee.

"We do this in Christ's name," McKown explained, "and we go into each home and give a witness, as well as share food."

"Another thing," she added, "is we don't judge people as to whether they are 'deserving.' If there're two cars in the drive and a color TV in the house, we remind ourselves that we, too, were undeserving when Christ offered us salvation."

However, if a family continues to ask for help, the committee suggests they might get budget counseling.

Before delivering food, the committee contacts each family to see if there were special dietary needs, or what staples they might already have.

"We've learned that some people are hungry," McKown said. "For example, we went into one home where the only food was a single bottle of ketchup in the refrigerator."

(Hastings is editor of the Illinois Baptist.)

## capsules

### Search suspended

ISTANBUL, Turkey (EP)—A fierce windstorm forced former U.S. astronaut James Irwin to suspend his search of Mount Ararat less than 500 feet from the summit of the peak where legend says Noah's Ark rests, his guides said August 23. Mountaineers predicted that the icy winds could stall the search for months.

### Walters named

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—J. C. Walters Jr., pastor of Miami's Wayside Baptist Church since 1980, has been named assistant executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Walters, 57, will assume the administrative post Oct. 15. He will be responsible for church-pastor-staff relations, as well as institutional relations and public affairs.

### Site approved

WACO, Texas (BP)—Baylor University trustees have approved a site for the construction of a special events center on campus which could seat 10,000 and appointed a building committee to develop specific plans and raise funds for the multipurpose activities center.

Cost of the center and endowment to operate and maintain it is estimated to be \$11 to \$11.5 million for construction costs and \$2 million for endowment. Construction is not expected to begin until the funding has been arranged.

### Tift president named

FORSYTH, Ga. (BP)—O. Suthern Sims Jr. was named president of Tift College in Forsyth, Ga., Aug. 27. He will assume the post next January.

He is vice-president for academic affairs and dean at Wingate College, Wingate, N.C. Both colleges are Baptist-affiliated institutions.

### Property given

DALLAS (BP)—Buckner Baptist Benevolences has received a gift of property and trusts in excess of \$4.5 million from Louie O. Sluder.

Property coming to Buckner immediately includes two centers for retirement and nursing care in Austin, Texas, which Buckner has been operating since 1970, plus frontage on Lake Austin. Another 50 acres in south Austin previously was deeded to Buckner. The two retirement centers provide care for 240 persons.

Sluder, a Baptist pastor for more than 20 years, mostly in the Austin

## Churches request

(Continued from page 1)

"The rulings revoked by revenue ruling 83-3 have been interpreted as law for more than 23 years," he said. "We question whether the ruling should have been announced without a change in legislation or a judicial decision."

Although the new ruling was made effective July 1, the IRS allowed ministers who were homeowners on Jan. 3 and were taking a housing allowance, to continue to take the deductions for interest and taxes until Jan. 1, 1985.

"However, in this delay the IRS placed restrictions on the mobility of ministers by making them forfeit their right to deduct interest and real estate taxes if they move or require a new home before 1985," Morgan said.

Legislation introduced into the House (H.R. 1905), which would overturn revenue ruling 83-3, is awaiting a hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee. The bill was introduced by Virginia Representative Stan Parriss. (Furr writes for the Annuity Board.)

Thursday, September 22, 1983

# Cancer victim has reason to live

By Johnna McLemore  
(Reprinted by permission of The Student Printz, newspaper of The University of Southern Mississippi.)

Is there life after cancer? Frank Pancratz seems to think that not only is there life after cancer, but with cancer there is more reason to live.

Pancratz, 23, of Fulton, had severe pains in his abdomen while attending classes at USM. Since he was a former security policeman for the Air Force he immediately went to the hospital at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi to have an examination. After completion of the examination the doctor informed Pancratz that he had cancer. "I was shocked; that was the last thing I expected to hear from the doctor," explained Pancratz.

Since Hattiesburg has so many qualified doctors Pancratz came back to Hattiesburg for treatment. "I was by myself when the doctor at Keesler told me I had cancer. When I arrived in Hattiesburg I felt I needed to talk to someone so I called Brian Ladner." Pancratz had met Ladner at a Baptist Student Union "Welcome Back" party

a few weeks earlier although he did not know Ladner very well. Frank felt like it would be a good idea to visit Ladner and talk to him about his tragic situation. Pancratz explained that his doctor was going to have him admitted to Methodist Hospital.

He was astonished at the number of people who had given their support. Pancratz explained that he had only stopped in the BSU when he had nothing else to do.

Pancratz remarked, "I only told one person in the BSU, Brian, that I was going to be admitted to the hospital. When I got in the hospital room there were already six people waiting to cheer me. Before the night was over about 20 to 30 people from the BSU had come to visit and give their support. All of the people at the BSU were helping me prepare myself for what I was about to undergo."

"Everyone at the BSU made sure someone stayed with me while I was in the hospital. I made it through the surgery fine; however, the chemotherapy treatments made me lose my hair and I also lost 45 pounds," Pancratz explained.

"During this time I really got to know the members of the Baptist Student Union really well, and I developed friendships closer than family ties," he said.

and more reason to live now more than ever before, thanks to the people involved in BSU.

"If it weren't for the prayer support and love from the caring people at the BSU and my church (19th Ave.), I would not be alive today."

(Miss McLemore is a student at USM.)

**Winebarger**

CHURCH FURNITURE

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Call Toll Free 800-446-0945

Area Rep: JAMES W. WINKLE, 405 LAMAR AVENUE, HATTIESBURG, MISS. 39401, 601-264-1249

Pews, pulpits, baptistries, stained glass, carpet, steeple, chairs, tables, lighting, folding doors

**OLD BIBLES REBOUND**

A price, binding and style to meet every need. Quality workmanship guaranteed. Write for illustrated price folder.

"Internationally known specialists"

**NORRIS BOOKBINDING CO.**

Box 305-C — Greenwood, Miss. 38930

**Van Winkle Church Furnishings**

Bill Van Winkle, Box 501, Fulton, MS 39443, Phone (601) 682-9521 (collect)

We upholster existing pews. Check our prices before you buy.

**DESIGN • CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

for New Church Buildings—Additions

Worship/Educational/Multi-Purpose

19 years experience

area, has been engaged in Christian social services since 1956. At that time, he founded the Austin Career Center, a rehabilitative program for underprivileged and non-academic young people. Later, he turned to the care of older persons, opening Villa Siesta Retirement Village in north Austin in 1961. He converted the Career Center into a similar home, Monte Siesta Village, in 1963.

### \$100,000 given

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. (BP)—First Church in Alamogordo has been given \$100,000 by Billie and Louise Holder to be used for debt retirement.

After reviewing the burden the church had carried for the last 10 years as it struggled with the indebtedness while trying to carry on a full program, Pastor Francis Wilson announced a check had been received sufficient to retire all the indebtedness.

Holder, a longtime publisher of the Alamogordo Daily News, recently sold the paper.

The Holders have been members of the church for 30 years. He has been chairman of three pulpit committees, and was chairman of the trustees who signed the original note of indebtedness.

The chief purpose of prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer.—Reuben A. Torrey

Time will convince even the blindest and most frivolous of us that happiness is no more to be found in the places we usually look than it is to be dug out of the earth. But the man who knows the secret of prayer lives at the top of human happiness.—William Law

## Cauthen says . . . .

(Continued from page 1)

China they saw the decaying society that had gotten too conservative and failed to make scientific and cultural advances," Cauthen said. "God has done a great work in China, and the gospel has had a great hearing among the people. Missionaries know the people. It's no wonder they want to go back."

"What adjustments may be necessary to go back into China? We'll wait and see what they are and make them. We'll go as friends, as colleagues, probably not as employers very much."

Cauthen said Southern Baptists' commitment to missions continues strong. "There is a profound commitment in the convention to Bold Mission Thrust," he said. "It has been taken very deeply into the heart of the convention. It is one of the elements that said to us 'don't major on the minors, major on the majors' and the major is taking the gospel to the world."

(Jameson writes for Southwestern Seminary.)

**CLASSIFIED**

RATE: 50¢ per word 50¢ minimum. Cash with order. Excludes all contract advertising. Includes name, address, zip code and phone number in word count. No hidden ads.

**Church Pew Cushions:** Manufactured in our plant. For free estimate contact — Emmons Brothers, P. O. Box 186, Meridian, Miss. 39301. Since 1899. Phone (601) 693-4451.

**1982 KESWICK WEEK MES-SAGES \$5 ppd.** Send check: Norm Burleson, Bookfinder, 104-J First Avenue, Spartanburg, SC 29302. Also have Keswick Week books from past years.

**PSALMS THREE Gospel Singers** will share Christ with your church. 601-371-1161.

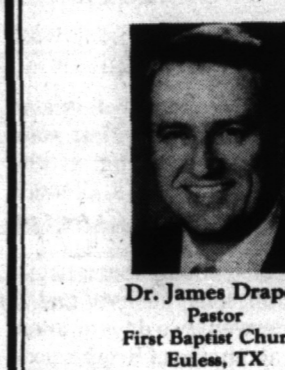
## THE CHURCH IN EVANGELISM

1st Annual

W.D. Hudgins Chair of Preaching

with

Dr. James Draper, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, preaching and Jim Faull, Music Leader



Dr. James Draper  
Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Euless, TX



Jim Faull  
Minister of Music  
First Baptist Church  
Merritt Island, FL

Sunday, September 25, 7:00 PM  
Monday, September 26, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary of  
First Baptist Church  
Jackson, MS

The family of First Baptist Church-Jackson invites you to hear the outstanding preaching of James Draper, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas and President of the Southern Baptist Convention. On these three nights Dr. Draper will be preaching on evangelism and building a strong church.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

(601) 948-8780

Dr. Earl Craig, Pastor JACKSON 430 N. President

Now Available

## MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

Companion 770  
High Option Plan

Helps pay for what Medicare doesn't pay — Benefits for:

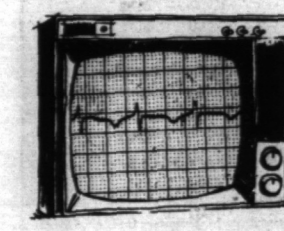
- Hospital, nurses and first three pints of blood.
- All Medicare, Part A, deductibles for hospitalization
- 100% of eligible hospital charges beyond Medicare, Part A, for an additional 365 days
- Physicians and Surgeons expense benefit, payable in or out of hospital
- Skill Nursing Home or Extended Care Facility
- Prescription Drugs & Medicines at Home (Endorsement-73)

For Full Information Phone 924-2748  
Or Fill out Coupon and Mail to:

**Equitable Life and Casualty Ins. Co.**  
**Hutton Insurance Agency**  
P.O. Box 20257, Jackson, MS 39209

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Underwritten by Equitable Life and Casualty Ins. Co. B22



## Intensive care

Dedicated to strengthening families  
Directed by a team of family life specialists

## A mother's immoral conduct

I am in Senior High School. My father is away from home a great deal. I can't invite my friends over because of my mother. She likes young boys. She has been this way a long time. It is very embarrassing to me as all my friends know. Help me if you can. Mother pretends to be a Christian. Help

Dear Help: Regrettably, this type of problem is more common than many people realize. You have the problem of your embarrassment over your mother's conduct, but she has the much more serious moral and psychological problem. She is in need of professional help to learn the basis of this conduct. Is it very low self-esteem? Does she need constant reassurance of her physical attractiveness? Is it a need to exercise power over the opposite sex? Is she getting back at males for some abuse she received as a child? There are many possibilities as to her motives and the rationalization she is using to cope with her own moral delinquency as well as contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Dare you confront your mother about this, in a spirit of loving concern for her? You could begin by telling of your embarrassment, then ask her to get help for her sake. Pray for her.

Don't let her immoral conduct get you down.

Many a young man or woman has risen above the poor example of their parents, whether it be drunkenness, gambling, dishonesty, prejudice, sexual immorality, lying, profanity, slander, hatred, unforgiving spirit, or whatever. We believe you will continue to do so. We admire your courage and assure you of our prayers. Read Romans 8:35-39. All Christians need to apply I Cor. 6:11-20.

Inquiries to Intensive Care are welcome. Readers who feel the need of being in touch with Intensive Care are encouraged to write. Identities remain confidential. And though the identities of those performing this ministry have been kept confidential to this point, they are well qualified for the service they are rendering. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.—Editor.

Teenage drivers are involved in one out of every five fatal accidents that occur.

Almost 60 percent of fatally injured teenage drivers were found to have alcohol in their blood systems prior to their crash, with 43 percent at legally intoxicated levels.

# Governor proclaims Month of the Bible

November 1983 has been proclaimed Month of the Bible in Mississippi by Governor William F. Winter. The proclamation was signed Aug. 18 before a group of religious leaders in the governor's office in the capitol.

The proclamation reads as follows: "WHEREAS, all of written words, none has had greater and more enduring influence on the people of our nation and our state than the Bible; the deep religious beliefs which have developed from our study of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible has inspired the people of Mississippi throughout the history of our state, and it the hope that they will continue to inspire our people in the years to come; and

"WHEREAS, the Bible and its teachings have been the bedrock of our national faith in the rights of the individual and the faith which we have in the inherent dignity of each and every person among us; this faith is implicit in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, and our abiding belief in equal justice under the law for all people; and

"WHEREAS, the compassion we have learned from the Bible has been both the inspiration for private charity and benevolent governmental outreach to provide education, health services, and alleviation of human suffering; and

"WHEREAS, President Andrew Jackson called the Bible 'the rock upon which our Republic rests' and President Abraham Lincoln described the Bible as 'the best gift God has ever given to man'; and

"WHEREAS, prominent religious leaders from the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths have joined in urging a special recognition of the influence of the Bible on our national life, and President Ronald Reagan and the Congress of the United States have joined in proclaiming 1983 as the 'Year of the Bible' in the nation:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. Winter, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim November 1983; as

MONTH OF THE BIBLE in Mississippi, with the hope that the people of Mississippi will give very special emphasis to the message of the Bible and to the national observance of the Year of the Bible, and urge all Mississippians, in each of their own way, to rediscover our priceless heritage of the Bible during this month of observance."

Among those attending the signing ceremony were Owen Cooper, retired industrial executive from Yazoo City and former president of both the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention; John Stone, retired attorney of Jackson now serving in an advisory capacity with the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission and the Baptist Record; Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission; Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record; and W. P. Davis, retired director of the department of work with National Baptists for the Convention Board. Also present, among others, was Catholic Bishop Joseph Brunini.

A list of activities for the Month of the Bible and a list of possible projects were distributed by the governor prior to signing the proclamation.

## Whittens will transfer to Equatorial Guinea

Charles and Indy Whitten, Mississippians, Southern Baptist missionaries who have served in Spain for 30 years, were given an engraved plaque by the Spanish Baptist Union in its annual convention Aug. 24-26. The convention met in north Spain in Victoria (Alava). The plaque was in recognition of the Whittens' 30 years of service.

The Whittens announced their intention of transferring to Equatorial Guinea for their last term of missionary service before retiring in 1988.

"We have been interested in Guinea since 1980," said Mrs. Whitten. "Though the Spanish Baptist Union has money to send a missionary couple, none has become available. So we have decided to go to help launch the evangelistic program down there. The only other missionaries there are doing agricultural work (Jess and Peggy Thompson)."

Before moving to Equatorial

Guinea, the Whittens will be in Mississippi on furlough, Dec. 20, 1983-June 20, 1984.

## N.C. workers get training

Thirty North Carolina Brotherhood workers have become the first state group to receive training at the Brotherhood Commission's Glendon McCullough Conference Center in Memphis.

The group of training specialists—directors of missions, pastors, and 22 laymen—underwent two days of intensive study in all phases of Brotherhood work Aug. 23-24.

During the seminar, group members attended workshops in their particular field—Baptist Men, Pioneer Royal Ambassadors or Crusader Royal Ambassadors.

## Serendipity is theme for singles meet

"Singles Serendipity" is the theme of the singles conference sponsored by the Christian Action Commission to be held Oct. 7-8, at First Church, Columbus. Featured speakers for the event will be T. Dwight and Wendy Kidd. Kidd is the minister to singles at Shades Mountain Church, Birmingham, and Mrs. Kidd is supervisor of audiology for the Birmingham public school system. The conference will begin at 7 p.m., Oct. 7, and concludes at 4 p.m. the next day. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. at the church.

The conference is open to singles from across Mississippi and is meant to be a time for those many single adults, both unmarried and formerly married, who need the fellowship of other singles and the encouragement that comes from being a part of the body of Christ, according to Paul Jones CAC executive director.

This is one of six singles conferences that have been held in 1983 as a part of the program assignment of the Commission. The conference will emphasize the role of maturing in the

Christian faith and growing as a responsible single in light of Christ's love and his work with singles in the church, said Jones.

Included in the program will be four seminar times focused on the never-marrieds as well as the formerly marrieds who are either widowed or divorced. This is the first attempt by the Commission to provide a three-track approach at all singles events.

There will be no charge for the conference; however, participants will be responsible for their own lodging and meals. Additional information or a tentative copy of the program may be secured by writing Jones at Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, or by calling (601) 968-3800, ext. 3929.

A special conference will also be held for church workers with singles and for those who are interested in receiving additional information about starting a singles ministry in their church or community. This training will be held on Saturday morning and is open to all.



Don Lum leads youth growth conference in Hattiesburg, at First Church.

## "After 18, only one in 10,000 will be won"—Lum

By Tim Nicholas

"After age 18 only one in 10,000 will be won to Christ," Don Lum recites the statistic to show the imperative for reaching people for Christ while in their teen years.

Lum and his wife, Patricia, are leading a series of Youth Growth Conferences around Mississippi for the Convention Board's Sunday School Department. As he opened the session last week at First Church, Hattiesburg, to about 50 persons interested in involving young people in ongoing Bible study, Lum cited other statistics.

"Only about six in 100 youths are going to make it to church when they go off to college," Lum said. And 80 percent of all who accept Jesus Christ do so before their 18th birthday. Of the other 20 percent, 15 percent heard the claims of Christ while teenagers or younger, but accepted them later. Lum's statistics came from Atlanta and Reach Out Ministries.

"Young people don't come to church because they wake up and say 'hey, I need to go to church,'" said Lum. They go primarily out of habit, to make life better at home, or because friends are there.

This means that youth leaders must "go out and get them," said Lum. Then they must have something for them when they come.

The sessions the Lums are leading are chock full of ideas for getting youths involved in the Bible teaching program of a church. They even list "how to make a visit."

This particular list includes knowing the church program and opportunities for involvement before going; praying; being pleasant and natural in conversation; looking for special interests such as trophies on shelves; offering assistance if the youth is new in town; "get to the point—invite him or her to church"; get a commitment and offer transportation; leave something with the youth like event, the magazine for teens; and "let this be the beginning of a new relationship."

The Lums said their ideas don't work for everyone in every situation, but many will. These ideas include developing a care package where youths place names and addresses of others who need Christ; a desk top survey, where information is filled out on all those sitting around the youth who is already involved; a "10 most wanted list;" and use of the school yearbook to discover prospects.

Patricia Lum said that she revisited a youth who had earlier promised to come to Sunday School but never made it. The girl told her, "I'm surprised you came back after we said we'd come." Usually, said Mrs. Lum, Sunday School leaders would be tempted to make a single attempt and then give up. She told the group in Hattiesburg that that girl is now a part of the church.

One other session was held earlier at First Church, Brandon. Two more are scheduled Sept. 20 at Calvary, Starkville, Sept. 27 at First, Oxford. Both will take place 6:30-9 p.m. For more information, contact Larry Salter, Youth Consultant, Sunday School Department, phone 968-3800.



Ward Panter

## Prentiss Church continues trips

(Continued from page 1)

harder than any young people I have ever seen. Some of them weren't even members of the church, and yet the Lord was using the construction work to save them. Two of them were saved by the time we left. Thank you young people for that.

The youth matured quite a lot in one week. They experienced some things most of us like to avoid. They had many a door slammed in their faces while surveying. They worked with abused children. They reached out to places where no one had before.

Four times each day during the week Karen Pace, Jan Price, Steven Chevalier, and Linda Little, under the direction of Mike Martin, education director at Prentiss, conducted Backyard Bible Clubs. They would play, sing, read Bible stories, teach memory verses, and make handicrafts with the many kids in each session. Also, each day, the youths would go surveying in surrounding neighborhoods to invite more kids to the clubs. And each night they had fellowship time with local youths their own age.

"I don't know why I came," volunteer Jerry Wilson said. "But I get a lot of satisfaction from doing just a pinch of the Lord's work."

"I went because I believe in missions. We're also supposed to be missionaries and the work we do ties us in with this church," said Blanche Jones. "I also got to know the people from my own church better."

Kitrell is editor and general manager of the Prentiss Headlight. This material was taken from a special newspaper called "Faith into Action" he produced for the church which reported on the trip.

for involvement before going; praying; being pleasant and natural in conversation; looking for special interests such as trophies on shelves; offering assistance if the youth is new in town; "get to the point—invite him or her to church"; get a commitment and offer transportation; leave something with the youth like event, the magazine for teens; and "let this be the beginning of a new relationship."

The Lums said their ideas don't work for everyone in every situation, but many will. These ideas include developing a care package where youths place names and addresses of others who need Christ; a desk top survey, where information is filled out on all those sitting around the youth who is already involved; a "10 most wanted list;" and use of the school yearbook to discover prospects.

Patricia Lum said that she revisited a youth who had earlier promised to come to Sunday School but never made it. The girl told her, "I'm surprised you came back after we said we'd come." Usually, said Mrs. Lum, Sunday School leaders would be tempted to make a single attempt and then give up. She told the group in Hattiesburg that that girl is now a part of the church.

One other session was held earlier at First Church, Brandon. Two more are scheduled Sept. 20 at Calvary, Starkville, Sept. 27 at First, Oxford. Both will take place 6:30-9 p.m. For more information, contact Larry Salter, Youth Consultant, Sunday School Department, phone 968-3800.

Mildred Crider, professor of psychology at Mississippi College, who will speak on the area of home and family; Mary Ann Ward, editor of Contempo magazine, WMU, SBC, who will focus on enriching the individual prayer life; and Libby Panter, missionary on furlough from Togo, who will share experiences from her past term in Togo.

A special feature on Saturday morning will be the Mission-Action Share-A-Thon to be led by Fran Vandercook home missionary serving on the Gulf Coast. She will be assisted by a group of Baptist Women, from the Gulf Coast Association, who are committed to a variety of ministries in their area.

Emma Ainsworth of the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be in charge of music for the weekend.

The BYW Retreat, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been described as an annual time of spiritual renewal and enlightenment for young women between the ages of 18 and 29. The retreat will begin Friday evening with supper at 6 and conclude after lunch on Saturday.

Those planning to attend should bring towels, linens (single bed), Bible, Contempo, and notebook.

## Cults seminars are scheduled

NEW ORLEANS—The Cults in Contemporary America will be the general theme for a series of four seminars to be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on each Tuesday in October. M. Thomas Starke, Chester L. Quarles professor of Christian Missions and world religions at the seminary will serve as seminar leader.

Each session will begin at 7:00 and end at 9:30 p.m. Dates and topics for the seminars are: October 4: Jehovah's Witnesses and LDS: What's the Difference?; October 11: East Meets West: TM, Krishna and Other Easterners; October 18: The Way International, Scientology and the Moonies; October 25: New Thought: Unity, Christian Science and Tips for Witness. Total cost for the four seminars is \$20.00.

For further information contact Thomas A. Kinchen, Director of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3839 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, La. 70126, (504) 282-4455.

## Coup becomes way of life for many missionaries

By Joe Bruce

GUATEMALA City, Guatemala (BP)—During a normal career, many missionaries experience one or more coup d'etats (a forceful overthrow of the existing government).

In our 14 years of missionary service we have gone through at least five successful government takeovers and innumerable attempted ones. We experienced our first coup just two days after arriving on our field of service. Coup number five occurred Aug. 8.

The sensationalism and graphic portrayal of such events by some of the international news media often leave stateside family and friends of missionaries in a state of panic over their welfare. Some danger does exist during an attempted coup, but it is usually minimal.

Unless you happen into the conflict area during the coup attempt, you possibly would not know about it until the danger is past or until you hear it on the evening news.

Although there is no such thing as a "typical" coup, our experiences have been similar in the five we've encountered.

Usually the political climate of the country begins to heat up weeks or months before the coup. The existing government imposes laws or commits acts unpopular with one or more special interest groups within the country.

Those people then begin working behind the scenes to discover if there is enough support among military leaders to overthrow the existing government. If so, plans are secretly laid to carry out the coup.

When the day and hour of the attempted coup arrive, insurgents move as rapidly as possible to control the electronic communications centers. Suddenly the telephones will not work and the radio and television stations go off the air.

Rebel forces also move toward the center of government, usually the presidential palace or congress building. If the coup has widespread support, usually there are people already in place inside and outside the building. Commonly armed men, sometimes tanks and aircraft, are brought in to surround the installation. Shots may or may not be fired.

If there are enough troops loyal to the existing government to repel the

attack, the coup fails. If the rebels overpower the loyalists and take the building, the coup succeeds.

Generally the military action is confined to a relatively small radius around the central government buildings. Therefore, unless you happen to be in the immediate vicinity, your physical danger is relatively slight.

Often the only clue anything extraordinary is happening is the change in programming on the radio and television. Instead of continuing regular broadcasts, the electronic media are synchronized or all but the official rebel stations are silenced. Usually the coup broadcast consists of martial music and an occasional rebroadcast of the official statement announcing reasons for the coup and the persons responsible for it.

After the existing head of state is deposed, coup leaders take steps to get their person sworn in as the official head of government. This is usually done during a press conference some hours after the coup. After his official recognition, the new government leader publicly outlines the basis for his new government.

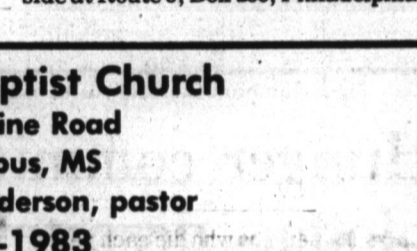
Joe Bruce is associate to the Foreign Mission Board's director for Middle America and the Caribbean. He lives in Guatemala City.

## Leber retires

After pastorates at Reisterstown Baptist Church, Reisterstown, Md. and Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.,

Paul H. Leber is retiring and returning to Mississippi Oct. 1. He once served as pastor of First Church, Purvis, and at East Moss Point Church, Moss Point.

He is a native of Pennsylvania, and has a B.D. and a master of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary. His wife is the former Louise Cartledge, who served as education director at First, Oxford, and First, Biloxi. They will reside at Route 3, Box 238, Philadelphia.



**Fairview Baptist Church**  
201 Airline Road  
Columbus, MS  
Dr. Gene Henderson, pastor  
1958-1983

**25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
September 24-25, 1983  
All friends, former members and staff are cordially invited to attend

Featuring these former staff leaders:  
Luther Litchfield Don Sheffield  
H. G. (Buddy) Earwood, Jr. Gilbert Pounders

## ANNIE

The legacy lives on. She left a legacy of touching the less fortunate, the poor, the stranger in our land, and a belief in telling others, through actions and attitude, about Christ's renewing love. Annie Armstrong was dedicated to sacrificial giving of herself, her money and her possessions.



country would be greatly improved. In 1982, \$20,709,206 was collected in Southern Baptist Churches through the efforts of Women's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood. We express our gratitude for their initiative and promotion. Mississippi Baptists have demonstrated again their commitment to telling the good news and ministering in our land, giving \$1,286,453 to the Annie Armstrong Offering in 1982. Thank you Mississippi Baptists for keeping the legacy alive.

These ten Mississippi churches gave the highest per capita gifts in their state to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

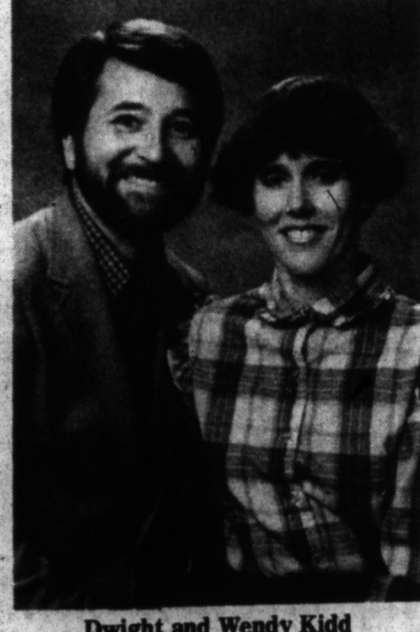
1. Center Ridge Baptist Church, De Kalb
2. Sand Hill Baptist Church, Richton
3. Oak Grove Baptist Church, Philadelphia
4. New Hope Baptist Church, Calhoun
5. Benwick Baptist Church, Liberty
6. Shiloh Baptist Church, Big Creek
7. Enterprise Baptist Church, Enterprise
8. First Baptist Church, Columbus
9. Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Walnut Grove
10. Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

These ten Mississippi churches gave the highest total amount in their state:

1. First Baptist Church, Jackson
2. First Baptist Church, Columbus
3. Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg
4. Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
5. Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson
6. First Baptist Church, Gulfport
7. First Baptist Church, Vicksburg
8. First Baptist Church, Aberdeen
9. First Baptist Church, Amory
10. Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus

**MISSISSIPPI**  
Baptists and the Home Mission Board:  
We're making a difference in our land.  
\*Based on figures from Uniform Church Letters and state convention offices.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND CHANGES THEREIN			
ASSETS	1982	1983	% CHG.
CASH	100,000	100,000	0
RECEIVABLES	100,000	100,000	0
INVESTMENTS	100,000	100,000	0
PROPERTY	100,000	100,000	0
OTHER ASSETS	100,000	100,000	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES	1982	1983	% CHG.
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	100,000	100,000	0
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	100,000	100,000	0
OTHER LIABILITIES	100,000	100,000	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>0</b>
NET ASSETS	1982	1983	% CHG.
NET ASSETS	200,000	200,000	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>



Dwight and Wendy Kidd

# Baptist Book Stores show trend to Spanish ministry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—With an ever-increasing Spanish-speaking population in the United States, Baptist Book Stores are increasing their ministry to Hispanic Americans.

Until 1962, most Spanish materials sold by the 62-store chain had to be purchased from the El Paso, Texas, stores. But because of local demand in selected areas of the country, the number of stores carrying Spanish materials has increased to 26 today.

Currently, the United States has the fourth largest Hispanic population in the world with at least 20 million Spanish-speaking residents, according to Josie Smith, director of advertising for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso.

"For 100 years, Southern Baptists have sent missionaries to Latin America to preach the gospel," she said. "Now Cuba and Nicaragua are closed; but how many Cubans and Nicaraguans are in the U.S. for us to minister to?" According to Smith, as many as 5 million of the current Hispanic population are evangelicals.

More than 2,000 products are available through the Baptist Sunday School Board's materials services department, Broadman Press, and Holman Bible Publishers, all three exclusive U.S. distributors for materials produced by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. Baptist Book Stores serve as the Sunday School Board's retail distributors for non-church literature materials (such as records, books, etc.).

More than 40 million Hispanics are expected to be living in the U.S. by the year 2000, said Bill Graham, director of the board's book store division. "As the Spanish-speaking population increases, additional Baptist Book Stores will stock materials to meet expressed needs. We continually monitor such customer requests in an effort to serve an ever-growing constituency."

Stores offering both mail order and in-person sales of Spanish materials are in Phoenix, Ariz.; Fresno, Calif.; Denver; Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta; Albuquerque, N. M.; and El Paso, Texas.

Stores offering only local sales of Spanish materials are in Forest Park, Ga.; New Orleans; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; Glorieta, N.M.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio, Texas.

## Men with knives steal missionary's car

MADRID, Spain (BP)—Three men with knives forced Southern Baptist missionary Tom Baker in Madrid, Spain, to hand over his car keys, then stole his car while neighborhood children watched.

Baker, from Kinsley, Kan., was washing his windshield Sept. 3, when the men walked up to him. One put a choke hold on him, and all three held knives to his back. Such an event is commonplace in Spain, Baker said, though he'd never heard of it in his neighborhood. He filed a police report but neither the men nor the car have been found.

Baker and his wife, Phyllis, were appointed to Spain in 1980. He is business manager for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries there.

# Emery takes sabbatical in Italy

Leon Emery, director of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is spending his sabbatical leave in Italy, as interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Naples.

He took this position at the invitation of the European Baptist Convention and the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. He and Mrs. Emery are residing at Parco Mazzola No. 10, Lago Patria, 80014 Guigliano, Naples, Italy. He plans to remain until Nov. 7, 1983, but she plans to return to the States in mid-October.

Leon and Jessie Emery are natives of South Carolina. They moved to Mississippi in 1954. He is a veteran of World War II, and now is a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol. Since he entered the ministry in 1949, he has served pastorates in Mississippi and South Carolina.

In 1963 he started work with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as associate director of the Cooperative Missions Department. Later he was consultant in Church Administration. In 1977 he became director of Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries.

sons included twins, Tom and Tim (the latter is deceased), and Gordon Harold, who is pastor of First Church, Vicksburg.

In retirement, the Sansings plan to live at 3520 62nd Ave., Meridian, Miss. 39305. Their telephone number is 601-693-7124. He plans to continue his activities as pulpit supply, interim pastor, revival preacher, Bible study leader, and banquet speaker.

Some say revivals don't last. Neither does a bath, but it's helpful.—Billy Sunday

## L. Gordon Sansing to retire after 50 years

L. Gordon Sansing will retire on Oct. 1, after 50 years as an ordained minister. First Church, Collinsville, where he has been serving as pastor, will honor him and Mrs. Sansing with a reception on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2 until 4 p.m.

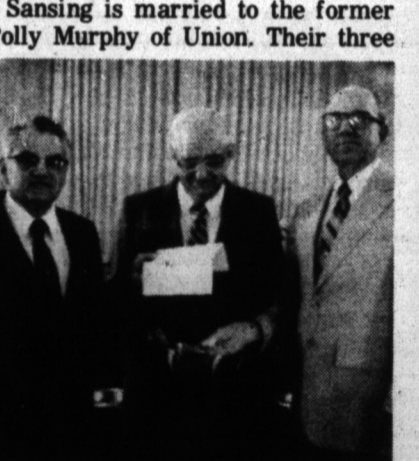
Sansing was born in Neshoba County. His previous pastorates included First, Grenada; Broadmoor, Jackson; Crestwood, Jackson; First, Brandon; First, Booneville; and Pelahatchie.

Also he has been an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as director of the Cooperative Missions Department, then as associate executive secretary (1959-64), and later as director of the Department of Evangelism. He has served on the Convention Board and as a member of its Executive Committee.

He was graduated from Mississippi College, where he was awarded the Dampier Scholarship (given to the most outstanding ministerial student), and New Orleans Seminary. MC presented to him an honorary doctorate in 1965.

He has preached in revivals in Argentina and New Zealand, and has held many offices in Civitan International.

Sansing is married to the former Polly Murphy of Union. Their three



After a long ministry from a one-room building, LOLLAR'S GROVE CHURCH, EUFORA, in Webster Association, built a modern building in 1979. In these years and seven months, the debt was retired, long before due. A service of dedication and noteburning was observed on Aug. 7. Letters were read from several former pastors. Three former pastors took part in the service, Woodrow Tisdell, Henry Campbell, and Victor Roberts. James E. Drane, director of missions, Choctaw and Webster associations, brought the dedicatory message. The note was burned by the pastor, Stanley Dorroh, at left, and deacons, W. J. Easley and Irvin (Tap) Vance. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

Oakdale Church, Rankin County, will have a gospel singing Sept. 25, from 2 until 4 p.m. The musical group, Salvation Singers, will perform, along with groups from Oakdale. Alan Kilgore is pastor.

Mt. Pisgah Church, Melvin, Ala., will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Sept. 25, announces the pastor, Jesse Griffith, who lives near Quitman. (The church, though receiving its mail at an Alabama address, and belonging to the Alabama Baptist Convention, is in Mississippi, near the state line. It has members in both states.)

First Church, Macon's Youth Choir presented "Walk in Love," a youth musical by Bob and Esther Burroughs, on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., at the church in Macon and on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Shuquak Church. This musical is part of "A choir enrollment festival" taking place this month at First, Macon. A music leadership retreat was held at Lake Tlak-O'Khata Sept. 17. A music banquet will be held Sept. 30.

Midway (Leake): Sept. 28-Oct. 2; revival services at 7 p.m.; Jack Nazary of Elkins, N.C., evangelist; Melody Starling of Walnut Grove, music director; homecoming Oct. 2, with Sunday School at 10:45 a.m., morning worship at 11, dinner on the grounds, afternoon service at 1:30; Buddy Puryear, pastor.

West Laurel Church, Laurel: Sept. 25-28; Frank Gunn, pastor, First, Biloxi, preacher; Troy H. Carter, minister of music and youth of West Laurel, leading the music; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.; noon and 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed.

Rawls Springs (Lebanon): Sept. 25-28; Bill Mitchell, a former pastor, guest speaker Sun. at 11 a.m.; night services at 7; youth of the church and Gary Sumrall, youth director, in charge of Sunday night service; H. L. Lucenay, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg, Monday night speaker; Peter McLeod, pastor, First, Hattiesburg, Tuesday night speaker; V. L. Stanfield, interim pastor at Rawls Springs.

Beacon Street, Philadelphia: 35th anniversary: Sept. 25; Clarence Mayo, pastor of Weir Church, and former pastor of Beacon Street, to speak at 11 a.m.; covered dish dinner; Jerry Jones, pastor, Hope Church, to speak at 1:30 p.m.; recognition of charter members and burning of the church note on the pastorum constructed seven and one half years ago; Henry E. Hight, pastor.

Moselle Memorial, Moselle: Oct. 2; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; former pastor, Arlie Spaulding, speaker; lunch in the fellowship hall; The Witnesses, Jackson, singing in the afternoon; Garland Eaves, pastor.

Providence (Lebanon): Oct. 2; homecoming; Bill Mitchell, guest speaker at 11 a.m.; dinner on the ground; Larry Gafford, pastor.

## Gilliland accepts marketing position

BIRMINGHAM, AL. (BP)—Dolores "Dee" Gilliland, Northern Plains Woman's Missionary Union executive director, will become the first marketing communications specialist for WMU, SBC.

Gilliland will begin her new duties at the national headquarters this December. She will direct the development and implementation of WMU's plan for marketing its program and materials. As marketing communications specialist she will also participate in developing and implementing dated plans and base designs, as related to marketing.

Wed. night speaker (Homecoming, Sept. 25, to celebrate centennial; dinner on the grounds; crafts fair; music at 1:30 p.m. by Southland Boys; cake and punch in the fellowship hall.)

Mt. Olive (Chickasaw): Oct. 2-7; Bob Watkins, evangelist; Todd Bowen, pastor.

Mars Hill (Winston): Sept. 24-25; weekend revival; Gary Cornett of Louisville, guest singer and preacher; Saturday night service at 7:30; Sunday, at regular times; E. C. Tucker, pastor.

First, Yazoo City: Sept. 25-28; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.; at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays; Dan Kong, executive director, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu, guest evangelist; Eddie Rackley, former minister of music, First Church, Wauchula, Fla., now in Louisville, Ky., at Christ Church, United Methodist, guest musician; James F. Yates, pastor.

Pine Crest at Star (Rankin): Sept. 30-Oct. 2; services nightly Sunday at 11 a.m.; J. Hardee Kennedy, emeritus vice president for academic affairs, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Scott Thomas, minister of music and youth at Cliff Temple, Natchez, leading the music; Luther C. Newell, Jr., pastor.

Summerwood Chapel, Olive Branch: Oct. 2-5; evangelist, P. J. Scott, pastor, First Church, Olive Branch; singer, Clint Nichols; organist, Dorothy Loftin; pianist, Ann Newton; pastor, Armond D. Taylor; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon.—Wed. 7 p.m.

## Longview will celebrate centennial

Longview Church, Belden, will be 100 years old this month. The centennial celebration will be held on Sept. 24 and 25.

Saturday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m., members will honor the charter members and also reconstitute the church. Following the Saturday meeting, refreshments will be served corresponding to that day in 1883. Some are planning to dress in the fashion of that day for both the Saturday and Sunday meetings.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, they will have a regular worship service. J. R. Davis, former pastor, will speak. On Sunday, afternoon, at 2 p.m., they will have a recognition service for all former pastors and other visitors. A covered dish dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The centennial committee includes Hugh A. Brown, Chairman; Quitman Pound, Stacey Faulkner, Cora Gogans, and Elwanda Tutor.

## Staff Changes

Bobby Williamson has been called as pastor of Mt. Vernon Church in Mississippi Association. His address on the field is Route 2, Liberty, Miss. 39645. The pastor is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Keith Bennett has joined the staff of Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, as minister of music and youth. He is native of Ridgeland, and is a graduate of Clarke College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary with a master of church music degree from the latter. He moved from Lakeside Church, Metairie, La.

Gregg Thomas has been called as interim pastor of the Chesterville Church, Tupelo. He is BSU director at Itawamba Junior College. A graduate of Blue Mountain College, Thomas will be married Oct. 15 to Lisa Cook of Tupelo.

Jim Hill is the new pastor of East Pleasant Grove Church, (Clarke).

Of the 25,000 persons who die each year in drunk driver accidents, 5,000 of those victims are teenagers. That means 14 teenagers die each day in drunk driver accidents.

Although teenagers comprise only 8 percent of the driver population and account for only 6 percent of the vehicle miles traveled in this country, they add up to 17 percent of all accident involved drivers and at least 15 percent of all drunk drivers in accidents.

Buddy Puryear has begun duties as pastor of Midway (Leake). He and his family moved from Clinton. He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in January, 1984.

William H. "Bill" Tanksley has resigned as pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Attala County. He served there for five years.

Ron Budenich is now on the field as Centreville's minister of music and youth. He comes from Texas. His mailing address is Box 1057, Centreville, Miss. 39631.

Benny Still has been called to full-time work as minister of music and youth at Woodville Church. He has been serving as part time for several years.

Temple, Hattiesburg, has three new music staffers. Jeff McLelland, who is on the music faculty of William Carey College, is organist. He is a graduate of USM and the Eastman School of Music. Nita Downs is music secretary. Roxanne Nanney is student music assistant.

David Hulsey is new minister of education at First, Kosciusko. He moved from Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. L. Edward Gandy is pastor at First, Kosciusko.

J. Mitchell Osborne has accepted the pastorate of New Salem Church, Franklin County. He has served in Panola, Wayne, and Jones counties in Mississippi and also in California.

## Just for the Record



AGAS AT COLONIAL HEIGHTS, JACKSON, were recently recognized for their achievements in Mission Adventures. They are: Front row (l to r): Melissa Overby, Bethany Grantham, Lydia Alba; Second row (l to r): Katie Delk, Allison Abernethy, Stephanie Lane, Anna Overby. Third row (l to r): Mrs. Dotty McGee, leader, Beth Jones, Jennifer Stewart, Heather Thomas, Christy Nash, Mrs. Anne Wright, leader. Back row (l to r): Mrs. Debbie Stebbins, leader, Becky Lockett, Tanya Smith, Michelle Lane, Mrs. Martha Smith, director. Gerald Harris is pastor.



OAKDALE CHURCH (RANKIN) held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary and education building on Aug. 28. The building committee members were, left to right, Tony Leonard, Coleman Hammons, Pastor Alan Kilgore, Chairman Jerry Bounds, Yvonne Warren, and Jiggs Griffing.

# Extra! SPECIAL

Use the  
BACK PAGE  
of the Baptist Record  
for your church news

- The mailing is done for you—you pay no postage
- There are no trips to the printer necessary after a one-time training session
- Send your newsletter material to the printer on Monday—have in homes before the weekend

I'LL GLADLY PAY \$42 per issue used (plus subscription charges) for the top half of the back page of the Baptist Record.

For information write —  
The Baptist Record  
P. O. Box 530 Jackson, MS 39205  
or call 968-3800 and ask for  
Don McGregor or Evelyn Keyes

# Arizona only state to double Cooperative Program giving

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention adopted a goal of doubling gifts to the Cooperative Program, the SBC's unified giving program, in five years by 1987. The 13.9 million member denomination responded with an 89.8 percent increase, jumping from \$150,760,050 in 1977 to \$284,863,167 five years later. Most of the increase came in the past three years.

Cooperative Program contributions are voluntary from the 36,000 SBC churches. Each state convention then decides how much money to keep to fund programs such as children's homes, hospitals, hunger relief and universities within its borders and what percentage to send to the national level for worldwide mission and education programs.

Arizona was the only state convention to double its gifts. Arizona churches sent in \$1,781,459 to the Cooperative Program in 1982, up 109 percent from 1977.

However 29 of the 34 conventions increased more than 50 percent led by Oklahoma (96.8 percent increase to \$14,267,863), Utah-Idaho (93.6 percent to \$273,897), Northern Plains (90.1 percent to \$506,601) and Louisiana (88.7 percent to \$13,503,870).

Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC's massive and ambitious commitment to share the message of Jesus Christ with every person in the world by the year 2000, will need increasing funding if it is to succeed. In response to that need the state conventions increased the amount of Cooperative Program gifts they sent to the national level at a greater rate than the churches' contributions increased.

Five state conventions more than doubled the amount they sent to the national programs between 1977 and 1982. Overall CP receipts for the SBC agencies increased 87.8 percent during the period—which meant programs funded for \$52,806,911 in 1977 divided \$99,184,907 in 1982.

Arizona was again the leader, upping its contribution by 164 percent from \$168,396 in 1977 to \$44,951 in 1982.

Texas was up 120 percent—a figure made even more impressive since it translated into an increase of more than \$10 million (from \$9,092,740 in 1977 to \$19,994,746 in 1982). Alabama was up 113 percent (\$7,334,023), Utah-Idaho increased 99 percent to \$57,862 and Oklahoma increased 108 percent to \$6,443,349.

State conventions and the increase of Cooperative Program gifts during

the period and the increase in their contributions to the national programs were:

Alabama (67.8 and 113), Alaska (72.1 and 93), Arizona (109 and 164), Arkansas (64 and 72), California (62.8 and 71), Colorado (63.6 and 97), District of Columbia (22.4 and 12), Florida (80.3 and 96), Georgia (74.2 and 73), Hawaii (70.9 and 72), Illinois (61.1 and 53).

Indiana (51.2 and 56), Kansas-Nebraska (79.7 and 86), Kentucky (70.7 and 98), Louisiana (88.7 and 94), Maryland (49.6 and 49), Michigan (32.9 and 46), Mississippi (72.5 and 89), Missouri (59.7 and 68), New Mexico (67.1 and 78).

New York (48.7 and 70), North Carolina (57 and 62), Northern Plains (90.1 and 86), Northwest (64.3 and 94), Ohio (53 and 72), Oklahoma (96.8 and 108), Pennsylvania-South Jersey (63.9 and 75), South Carolina (51.7 and 75).

Tennessee (57 and 78), Texas (82.4 and 120), Utah-Idaho (93.6 and 109), Virginia (47.1 and 47) and West Virginia (74 and 91). The Nevada Baptist Convention was organized after 1977. Its churches gave \$261,974 to the Cooperative Program in 1982, of which \$43,585 was sent to the national programs.



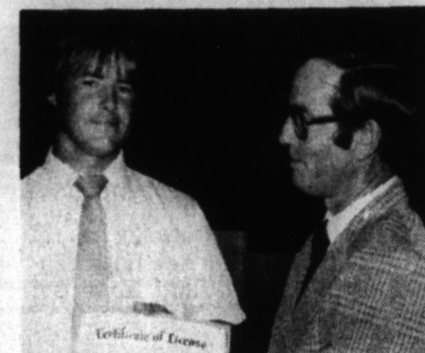
MRS. ROY D. (MINNIE) SMITH was honored recently at Wesson Baptist Church, where she is a long-time member, with a "This is Your Life" program. She has served as Sunday School teacher, WMU director and leader, choir member, and member of many committees. Her pastor, Ken Stringer, presented to her a plaque, a book, and a scrapbook of letters of tribute. A projector was given to the church in her honor, as well as a monetary gift to be used by her for a favorite church project. Kay Coleman Howington had written a poem, "Miss Minnie," which was printed on the church bulletin. The Wesson mayor, Boyce James, proclaimed Miss Minnie Day.

Born in Strong Hope, Copiah County, Mrs. Smith was principal of Sand Hill School for 11 years, and served as teacher, coach, and cafeteria manager at Beauregard and Wesson schools. Now a widow, she has two daughters, who were present for the special event, Mrs. Roy Coker, of Memphis, and Mrs. Gene Rice of Morton.

Dewey R. Roach has retired from the faculty of Mississippi University of Women, Columbus. For 20 years he had been full professor and head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and interim pastor for many Baptist churches in the state. He was graduated from Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, and earned the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary. He did postgraduate work at University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Before coming to Mississippi, he was pastor in Texas and Tennessee, and was president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. Roach states that he is available as needed for counseling with church committees or for serving as interim pastor.

James Muller and Arnold C. Lowe were ordained as deacons of the Springdale Church, Attala County, on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. Dale Little is pastor.

Friendship, Brookhaven, will honor Leonard Smith and celebrate his 90th birthday on Sept. 25. Smith will bring the morning message. A special service is planned for the afternoon. Leonard Smith, born in Lincoln County, moved to Oklahoma, where he was pastor of one church for 30 years. He has served as interim pastor in several Lincoln County churches since his retirement. Wiley Reid is the Friendship pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, LAUDERDALE, licensed Bob Null to the gospel ministry Aug. 2. Null (at left) and his family have moved to Newton; he is entering Clarke College, and is available for pulpit supply, interim supply, or other church-related work. He may be contacted through the BSU office at Clarke College. Bobby Cassey (right) Lauderdale pastor, presented the certificate of license.

Elaine Dickson, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's direct sales department since its inception in 1979, has resigned effective Oct. 1 to pursue writing, consulting, and training interests. Dickson, who joined the board in 1975 as supervisor of the young adult section in the Sunday school department, said, "My years at the board have been satisfying and ful-

filling, both personally and professionally. At this point in my career, I look forward to charting new directions in some areas where I can continue to be related to the mission of our denomination."

A native of Illinois, she earlier was dean of student affairs at Southern Seminary and an executive on the staff of SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

Bill Causey celebrated his 20th anniversary last week as pastor of Parkway, Jackson. The church gave a banquet in honor of him and Mrs. Causey and set Sept. 18 as Pastor Appreciation Day.

## Sabougla will celebrate centennial

Sabougla Church, Rt. 3, Calhoun City, will celebrate its centennial on Oct. 2, 1983. The day's itinerary will include an 11 a.m. worship service, and special recognition of guests; a 12 o'clock lunch at the church; and a time for reminiscences in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

One of the members, Mrs. William J. Barnette, states, "In 1945 a tornado hit the church and blew it away. We were lucky and found a few pages from the old records. One was a list of the charter members, but we have no record of any of the other members, so we would like those who were members of this church before 1945 (as well as others) to know that they have a special invitation to worship with us during the centennial celebration."

## Cleary dedicates new sanctuary

Dedication services were held Sept. 1 for the auditorium and education building at Cleary Church in Rankin Association. Tim Williams, a former pastor, delivered the dedication message. Williams is now a pastor in Alabama.

Pastor Kent Shirley was in charge of the service. Dinner on the grounds preceded the dedication.

The completed auditorium has a seating capacity of 350. The education building has 23 classrooms, with a capacity of 375.

J. C. Renfro, director of missions for Rankin Association, also spoke. Jimmy Abernathy was chairman of the long range planning and building committee.

## Devotional

### Submissive obedience

By Robert H. Perry Sr., pastor, First, Waynesboro  
II Corinthians 8:12

God's effort through the ages has been to bring man to submissive obedience. In his effort he does not force man to this obedience. Man must voluntarily yield his will to the will of God, if God is to exercise Lordship over him. It is in man's power to refuse or accept the will of God. Tennyson wrote:

*Our wills are ours, we know not how;  
Our wills are ours, to make them true.*

A Philadelphia bank once used an illustrated advertisement which read like this: "Divided Key—one part useless without the other. Thus two persons have joint control of securities." The picture shows the two separate parts of this clever invention: A key with two parts, each part by itself, and then the two, brought together, and fitted one upon the other so that, united, they form what looked like the usual flat key of a safety deposit box. Either of the two persons controlling the securities in such a box may take his part of the key and try to open the box, but without result. But when the two persons go together and unite their two parts of the key, the box opens instantly.

May we say that the will of God and the will of a child of God are the two parts of the divided key which can unlock priceless securities? As we yield our will wholly to his, these two parts of the otherwise divided key are brought together, and then beautiful spiritual treasures are released.

Shall we then make sure the portion of the key which God has placed in our care—our wills—shall always be in his hands to unite with his will, for his use, at any time, and at all times?

## Bible Book

### A song of love

By Harry L. Lucenay, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg  
Song of Solomon 1:1 to 8:14

No composition of comparable size in world literature has provoked and inspired such a volume and variety of comment and interpretation as the biblical Song of Songs. Interpretations fall into either allegorical or literal modes. For instance, the Jewish interpretation saw the Song as depicting the relation of Yahweh and the chosen people. A mystical mode developed in Jewish intellectual circles presented the love affair of the Song as the union of the active and passive aspects of intellect. In Christian circles, the Song has been related to the mutual love of Christ and the church. The Marian interpretation identifies the Lady of the Canticle as the Virgin Mary developed as a commitment of Mariolatry and the veneration and virtual apotheosis of Mary as Virgin Mother of God and Queen of Heaven.

The Song is also interpreted as a wedding cycle, a drama with two or three characters, or a cultic ritual. The reason for the vast number of interpretations lies in the poetic language and the focus on feelings. The interpretation of this study will surface as a beautiful expression of the holiness and worth of physical love between a husband and wife.

**Personal purpose for the beloved (1:1 to 3:5)**—The young bride speaks pensively of her desire for the shepherd from whom she is separated. As she talks, the haunting memory of words and acts of love which have been indelibly etched upon her emotions rise to the surface.

**Physical praise of the bride (4:9-11, 16)**—The beloved clearly expresses his commitment to the bride as he sees her in his family. The loving movement of her eyes is the key to unlocking his heart. The natural fragrance of her body focuses his thoughts solely on her. He sees her as a storehouse of sweetness.

The beloved has discovered the secret of praise. When a man honestly praises his bride, she responds positively. The godly husband thinks up new compliments daily for his wife and never fails to communicate his love through his tender words and soft touch. He must learn to praise his wife throughout the day in every way for his praises to be heard. Many a man does not realize that the wife he has is a reflection of his own behavior to her.

**The private provision of the bride (4:12)**—The bride's body is delightfully fruitful, yet staunchly defended. The sealed fountain imagery is taken from an ancient custom, that of cover-

ing a water source to prevent intruders from using it. The bride gave herself only to her beloved.

The rich poetry describes sexual pleasure. The bride was not bashful about the delights her body contained for her husband. Neither was she timid about offering those delights to him. Paul encouraged the man and his wife to give themselves to one another freely (I Corinthians 7:1-6). The author to the Hebrews clearly presented the high view of the marriage bed (Hebrews 13:4). The Song writer strongly encourages the beloved and his bride to enjoy their sexuality—but only with each other.

**Physical praise of the beloved (5:10-11, 16)**—The young bride has learned to praise her beloved. She is enamored with his strong body and the radiance of love seen in his face. Verse 16 indicates that her beloved whispered the language of love with eloquent sweetness. These words of winning love drew like liquor fragrance to enhance the armor of the warm relationship. The young bride was proud of her beloved and shared her unashamed joy with her friends.

**Pleasant partnership of the basic commitment (6:2-3)**—There is complete trust of each other. The young bride is certain of her beloved's faithfulness to her just as she is willing to be faithful to him. The godly marriage also involves an exclusive commitment to each other—"forsaking all others."

**Public praise of the bond (8:6-7)**—The bride is full of joy in the return of perfect confidence. She prays that the full tide of affection may never cease to flow. She does not want any ebbing of that happy feeling in which she now delights. Nor does she ever want to be out of the thoughts of her beloved. She freely shares statements of her love with her friends.

The married couple of today should note two things in this brief comment. One, they should always speak highly of marriage and of their marriage partner. Marriage murderers lurk in the shadows of most gatherings, ready to cry out against the gift of God. Furthermore, all too often the darts of death for the marriage leave the lips of one's spouse after being moistened through poisonous put-downs.

Second, the marriage couple of today should make every effort to grow in their knowledge of each other and commitment to each other. The couple should develop a sensitive awareness of the moments that offer

## Uniform

### God in Christ

By Clarence H. Cutrell, Jackson  
John 1:14-18; 14:8-11; Heb. 1:1-4; 1; John 1:1-4

In Jesus Christ, God the Creator stepped into the midst of his creation. No longer is he far off, distant, but near, visible, and audible, loving and lovable. The God who, as a rock guided and followed his people across the stages of history, is now in Christ the Rock of Ages. That revelation which began with the silent voice of the stars and continued through the imperfect voices of leaders and prophets across the years, "here a little, there a little," has been brought to a glorious climax in the life of him who spoke as no man ever spoke and in whom was and is "glory and truth." Man needs no further revelation. If a man would know God, let him know Jesus Christ.

**1. Revelation completed in speech and signs (John 14:8-14)** Phillip utters the cry of desperate men since time immemorial, "Show us the Father." And Jesus responds to that plea by saying with deepest assurance and finality, "I am the Father's answer to that cry." When anyone has seen Jesus Christ he has seen God.

Jesus further states to Phillip that both the speech he utters and the signs he does give evidence of the Father's presence in him. God who first spoke to man in the wordless message of the heaven and the mighty works of his hands continues to communicate through speech and signs. Truly, God has said it all in Jesus Christ. In his Son God says, "I love. I care. I work." But above all, God in Christ says, "I can bleed." Most of the religions of the world call upon their followers to bleed and die for their gods, but only in Christianity do we find a God who has bled and died for all mankind.

**2. Revelation completed through a superior seer (Heb. 1:1-4)** Creator, prophet, priest, and king, Jesus Christ is everything. He is not only superior to David, Moses, Isaiah, and each of the prophets; he is greater than all of them together. For God has at last spoken unto us through his Son.

He is greater than kings because he made the worlds and is the heir of all of these things. He is superior to the prophets because in them we see but a glimmer of hope for the future while in Christ is revealed all of the effulgent glory of God. He is better than Aaron or any priest because with his own

possibilities for deepening their love through getting to know each other better and spending quality time with each other. This quality time illustrated in the Song consists of looking, listening, and touching.

siders Hattiesburg, Miss., his hometown. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, he was student music assistant at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Terry Dent, missionary journeyman to South Africa, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a teacher (address: P. O. Box 861, Edenville 1610, Republic of South Africa). He considers Holly Springs, Miss., his hometown. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, he was a teacher in Clinton, Miss.

The Surgeon General has reported that life expectancy has improved in the U.S. over the past 75 years for every age group except one. The exception is the 15-24 year old American whose death rate is higher today than it was 20 years ago. And the leading single cause of death for this age group is drunk driving.

## Life and Work

### Risking all for others

By Larry W. Fields, Harrisburg, Tupelo  
Esther 2:16-17; 3:5-6, 11; 4:8, 16; 9:32

The book of Esther is not one of the best known books of the Bible. Many believers have scant knowledge of it; however, it has one of the most exciting and dramatic stories in all the Bible. It tells how the Jews were dramatically saved from persecution by Queen Esther during the Persian period of captivity.

She is one of the greatest heroines in Jewish history. Her courage and faith were evident in her willingness to risk her crown and her life to save the people and follow God's will.

We are not to live by chance, luck, or fate. We are to live with the confidence that "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Then, like Esther, we will be willing to take risks when we know God is in control.

**I. The choice of Esther (2:16-17)**  
Esther was selected as the new queen after Queen Vashti had been banished. In reading the background verses one admires the courage and modesty of Vashti for refusing to display her beauty in a lewd manner for the king and his drunken guests. This led to the nationwide beauty contest to select a new queen.

Esther was a Jewish orphan, adopted and reared by her uncle, Mordecai, who served as a minor official in the king's court. All were impressed by her beauty and poise. The king chose her to be his new queen. More than likely it was not revealed that she was a Jewess or the niece of Mordecai.

A great banquet in her honor and a celebration were held to commemorate her selection. It was during this time that Mordecai discovered a plot to kill the king. He reported it and it was thwarted. This act of loyalty would be used by Esther to remind the king of Mordecai's support when he is unjustly accused by Haman.

**II. The cunning of Haman (Esther 3:5-6, 11)**

Second in power to the king was Haman, a vain and proud politician, who had won for himself a position of trust and influence. He persuaded the king to proclaim that all men reverence and bow down to Haman. Mordecai, being a faithful believer in the one true God, refused to bow down to a mere man.

Haman not only decided to destroy Mordecai, but all the Jews with him. It would be genocide or a Persian "holocaust." He convinced the king into believing that a plot against him had been orchestrated by the Jews. He obtained an official document from the king to eliminate the Jews and place

their wealth in the king's treasury, estimated at 10,000 talents. He anxiously awaited the day of the massacre and constructed gallows on which to hang his enemy, Mordecai.

**III. The courage of Mordecai (4:6-16)**  
Mordecai managed to get word to his niece in the palace about Haman's plot to massacre the Jews. It was a serious situation which called for drastic action. She would need to approach the king unannounced, which was punishable by death unless the king held out his golden scepter. She had not been invited into the presence of the king for a month. Mordecai sent word back to Esther that she was their only hope. As a Jewess, she would also come under the edict of Haman. She had to chance it. The king needed to know the truth. She had to believe this was God's will. Mordecai reminded her in 4:14, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" She must have faith in God.

We need that same kind of faith. Whatever position we hold, whatever gifts we possess, whether of money, time, goods, or abilities, they are given to us by God for one purpose alone—to be used in his service. Esther demonstrated this with the fate of two million people hanging in balance.

**IV. The celebration of Esther and her people (Esther 9:32)**  
Esther was received warmly by the king. She was able to convince him that Haman was an evil man and an adversary. She reminded him how Mordecai had saved him from an assassination plot in the past. When it became clear to the king, Haman's wicked scheme was overthrown. Haman was hanged on the same gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. The Jews were spared and began the annual Feast of Purim as a commemoration to this great event.

The message behind the story of Esther is that God can make use of humble folks who are willing to put themselves absolutely into his hands. The greatest acts of heroism are not performed on the battlefield.

Herschel Hobbs has written, "There are moral and spiritual risks if one is to live up to high principles. You may lose your job by refusing to be dishonest. Social status may be lost by refusing to drink alcoholic beverages or go along with the crowd in sexual immorality. You may lose friends by opposing injustice to minority groups, or lose political position by doing right rather than what seems expedient."

Esther saw her duty, found strength in prayer, and moved forward in faith.